

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 532  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. William J. Madia on the occasion of his promotion to Executive Vice President of Laboratory Operations for Battelle Memorial Institute.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of the General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who, through their personal commitment, professional expertise, and civic achievements, have improved the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, through their efforts, such praiseworthy individuals are a credit to their professions, communities, and families; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William J. Madia has demonstrated these qualities throughout a distinguished career in research and research management with Battelle Memorial Institute; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Dr. Madia assumed the presidency of UT-Battelle, a partnership between the University of Tennessee and Battelle, in which position he championed a successful proposal to manage the Oak Ridge National Laboratory for the U.S. Department of Energy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Madia has served with energy and distinction as the director of Oak Ridge National Laboratory since April 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Madia has established for the Oak Ridge National Laboratory a challenging agenda that calls for excellence in science and technology, laboratory operations, and community service; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Madia's inspiring leadership, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory earned its first ever "Outstanding" rating from the Department of Energy in recognition of its achievements in the delivery of cutting-edge research and development in such areas as neutron science, advanced materials, energy, systems biology, high-performance computing, and national security; in the continuation of outstanding progress in the construction of the nation's largest civilian science project, the Spallation Neutron Source, which has brought some 600 jobs and more than \$350 million in procurements to Tennessee; in the implementation of an innovative facility revitalization model that combines federal, state, and private investments to enable construction of a 21<sup>st</sup> century research campus for world-class science and technology in Tennessee; and in the provision of exemplary service to the community and to the State of Tennessee in science education, economic development, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Madia's able direction, the technologies, expertise, and facilities of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory have been applied to marketplace opportunities, resulting in the establishment of thirty new companies in the past three years creating economic value for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Madia has worked tirelessly to make the Laboratory's capabilities more accessible to Tennessee schools, colleges, universities, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Madia's unswerving commitment to strengthening the partnership between the University of Tennessee and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory has been a catalyst for the recruitment of talented scientists to joint appointments at these two major research institutions; in the creation of new science programs that draw on and expand their

complementary resources; and in the acquisition of new facilities and instruments that are accessible to the University of Tennessee's faculty and students, to the mutual benefit of these two outstanding assets of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Madia has generously contributed his time and talents to economic development through such efforts as leading a strategic planning task force for the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce; co-chairing the Technology Development Task Force for East Tennessee's "Nine Counties. One Vision" planning effort, and serving on the boards of the Knoxville Area Chamber Partnership, the East Tennessee Economic Council, and the Tennessee Technology Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Madia has announced that he is stepping down as director of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory to return to Battelle's Columbus headquarters and dedicate his time to managing its business with the Department of Energy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Madia has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to this State and nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Dr. William J. Madia for his honorable and meritorious service to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and to the State of Tennessee, recognize his extraordinary vision and determination in leading the renaissance of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, salute his lifelong dedication to excellence, and extend our heartfelt wishes for his continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.